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In re Application of

Andrew A. Welcher, et al.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 7, 2002, to revive the aboveidentified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the nonfinal Office action mailed July 17, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 18, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Chayl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Frances Hicks at (703)305-8680.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1633.

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